

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

8th March 2026

Mass Times

Parish Church

Saturday - 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - 9.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Our Lady's Chapel

Tuesday to Friday
10.00 a.m.

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Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

Friday:

9.00am to 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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CHARITY TAX NO.
CHY 7355

Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Thursday's @ 1 p.m.

Email: monasterevin.parish@gmail.com, Parish Radio 99FM
OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH
WEBCAM @ MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 7th February 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Thomas Joseph Flanagan (1st Anniversary), formerly of Augh Willan Co. Leitrim, Molly Ryan & Deceased Members of the Ryan & Flanagan Families, Breda Sharpe, Cowpasture, Peg Connolly, Woodview, Monasterevin, John Earley, Cloneygath, Sean Whelan, Skirteen, Mooney family, Ballyfarsoon, Mary & John Joe Brady, Coventry, Whelan family, Ballybrittas, Masie Byrne, Inchacooley & St. Evin's Park, Alice Kelly formerly Passlands, Eileen Roche, Cyril Dunne, Peter Dunne, 3 Kill & deceased members of the Dunne & Hughes families, Owen Marron, Tullamore, Michael Dowling Jnr, Gurteenooona & deceased members of the Dowling Family, Mary Earley, Clogheen, James & Elizabeth Behan, & family

Sunday 8th March 2026 9.00 am Mass

James Nelligan, Drogheda Street, Sadie Ready (Birthday Rem.), Pat Joe Doyle, Quinsboro, Ann Langley, Dublin, Jena McHugh-Bulman

Sunday 8th March 2026 11.30 am Mass

Mary Mc Conn, Rathangan, Molly Ryan & Deceased members of the Ryan & Flanagan Families
Michael Johnson, Mountrice, Mrs. Kathleen O'Rourke, Mountrath, Co. Laois, Cathrine (Essie) & John Donohoe, The Cottage, Inchacooley, Sarah & James McDonnell, Dublin, John Kavanagh, Canal Harbour, Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Pk, Maura Cleary, Larch Hill,

Tuesday 10th March 2026 10.00 am Mass

Breda Sharpe, Cowpasture, Fergal Ryan, Kill Hill,

Friday 13th March 10.00am Mass

Michael Ryan, Lackagh (Birthday Rem)

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 415.00
Baskets Collection: € 1235.00

CHOIR

Saturday 14th March '26
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 15th March '26
11.30am: Parish Choir

St. Patricks Day 17th March
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO

10/03/2026

TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell Gertie
Byrne Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 14th March 2026
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sunday 15th March 2026
9.00am: John Dooley
11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

St. Patricks Day
9.00am: John Dooley
11.30am: Sr. Angela

INVITATION

Jesus asks you to
come and spend 1
hour with Him every
Wednesday night
from 7.30pm to
8.30pm
in Our Lady's Chapel.



MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 14th March '26
6.30pm: Mary Ryan,
Ger Harrison, Dan Clancy, Colette
Walsh.

Sunday 15th March '26
9.00am: Sharon Hanley Anne
McLoughlin Davina Weldon Sr.
Angela
11.30am: James Forde Carmel
McAlinden Mary O'Leary Anne
Lonergan

St. Patricks Day 17th March '26
9.00am Paddy Clarke, Andrew
Mahon, Lily Donoghue, Davina
Weldon.
11.30am: Marie Lawless, Ann
Fearon, Mary Lawlor, Rita
McDonnell.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 22nd March 2026
TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie
Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 03/03/2026
Numbers Drawn
6, 15, 22, 23
Next Weeks Jackpot € 9,600
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Gaye Kehoe Heavey	M.
€20 Helen Dempsey	M. Doyle
€20 Mary Birney	G. Harrison
€20 Marie Breen	M. Doyle
€20 Maury Millar	M. Doyle

Next Draw 10/03/2026

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 02/03/2026

Numbers Drawn
4, 8, 11, 16

Next Weeks Jackpot € 8,000
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 John Coughlan	J. Coughlan
€20 Ashling & Mary	M. Forde
€20 May Walsh	P. Brereton
€20 Mick Donohoe	R. McDonnell
€20 Sabina Weldon	M. Heavey

Next draw: 09/03/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:
27/02/2026

1st Lar O' Keefe c/o: Senior Men's
2nd Mervyn & Brigid c/o: Bingo
3rd Danny Roche c/o: Lar O'Keefe
4th Lauren Kelly c/o: Earley's

Seller: Senior Men's Team

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

The theme of the 2026 Trócaire Lenten campaign centres on the story of multi generational, Female led household in rural Rwanda. At just 28 years old, Uwamahoro is carrying the weight of three generations on her shoulders. Earning just 60 cent per day working on the land, she is doing the best she can to feed her family and keep the children in school. The next storm could destroy everything Uwamahoro has built. Their house is crumbling, the roof is leaking, they live in darkness with no electricity.

We are asking the people of Ireland to help Uwamahoro rebuild her family's lives.

trócaire
Working for a just world.

Prayer for Lent

Father of my soul,
I know Your love for me is
limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as
a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten
sacrifices, help me to
become less selfish and
more aware of Your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to
draw ever closer to You.
Guide me to seek your love.
Amen

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Date: St. Patrick's Day 17th
March.

Music & Activities begin: 1 pm

Parade Start Time: 2pm

Location/Route: Main Street,
Monasterevin and Community
Centre.

Music & Activities continue from
3.00 pm.

A Family fun day for all .

Please support our growing town.

PARISH OFFICE

There is a wide variety of
Gifts for that special
occasion, Confirmation,
Communion, Christening,
Mothers Day.
Please drop into the Parish
Office and we will be glad
to help you .

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



St. Peter & Paul's Church
Monasterevin

This year our Novena is
confined to 5 nights

Monday 9th March to
Friday 13th March

THEME: BAPTISED &
SENT

Monday 9th March

Guest Speaker: Dana
Dana is an Irish Songwriter,
Singer & Politician. Winning
the Eurovision in 1970 and
entering Politics in 1997.

Tuesday 10th March

Guest Speaker: Cuan
Mhuire—Centre for those
battling
addictions.

Wednesday 11th March

Guest Speaker: Declan
Prendergast—recently
ordained Deacon telling his
own story from Kildare.

Thursday 12th March

Guest Speaker: Mary Price,
CEO Bethany Bereavement
Group.

Friday 13th March

Guest Speaker: Conor Kelly—
Trócaire recently back from
working as a Field Officer in
Malawi.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations to all the
6th class students from St.
Peter's, St. Evin's, St.
John's & Lackagh
Primary schools who
received the Sacrament of
Confirmation this
weekend by Bishop Denis
Nulty & Fr. Liam.



Novena Petitions

Blank Petitions will be
available on the Altar
Rails during the Novena.
If you wish to have names
included, please place into
the box provided.

EASTER PRIESTS COLLECTION

Can all those who distribute
envelopes for the Easter
Priests Collection, please
call to the Parish Office the
week commencing Monday
16th March 2026 to collect
the envelopes.

The collection will take place
at the Easter Masses on
Saturday 4th and Sunday
5th April.

A big thank you to all our
Collectors for taking time to
distribute the envelopes.
Your help is greatly
Appreciated.



THE CRAFTY CROWD

If you are interested in
crafting and don't know where to
start, we are full of crafty ideas
and skills and would like to share
them with like minded people or
just want a social outlet that

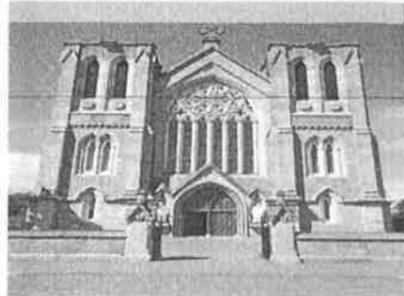
allows you to be creative, you are
all very Welcome.
The first crafty evening will be on
the 19th of March from 6.30 to
7.30.

Materials will be supplied. For
more information and to book
your free place please contact
Mairead at 045 529239 or email
monasterevinlib@kildarecoco.ie

KILDARE BEREAVEMENT NETWORK

Free Information Evening
Tuesday March 24th,
7pm -9pm, The Keadeen
Hotel, Newbridge

Guest Speaker:
Mary Kenneally
www.eventbrite.ie/living
with grief for tickets



focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8th March 2026 Year A

There is a thirst for the love, joy and meaning of the gospel in the hearts of our people today. It is sometimes ignored in the rush of modern consumerism. The readings today invite us to bring that deep thirst for life to Jesus and his gospel.



... anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again ...



Partners in mission

The lengthy dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is one of the most intriguing encounters of the Gospels. They develop a rapport, discussing "living water", the differences between their religious customs, and the promise of the Messiah. Jesus makes a request of her before he offers her anything, implying a level of equality; the woman is an active rather than passive participant in his ministry. Several times in the Gospels, he transcends expectations about traditional women's roles. As they talk, the woman moves from calling Jesus "a Jew", to addressing him as "Sir", then recognising him as a "prophet" and finally announcing him to others as "Messiah". As their connection deepens, she grows in understanding, and her testimony is authentic and convincing. Soon, others are drawn to him. The encounter breaks religious and social taboos, but Jesus casually engages the woman in conversation as if it's the most natural thing in the world. He recognises her as an individual with a life story and a context of her own. There is intimacy in this encounter. She is deeply affected by his openness and his teaching and becomes a crucial witness. Jesus uses the metaphor of the harvest to indicate his mission that includes the Samaritans. The time for the harvest has come, he tells the disciples, and this woman represents that movement outwards. What is beautiful about today's Gospel is the way Jesus goes about winning hearts: meeting this woman where she is, transcending boundaries, listening and allowing space for questions and debate. It's a more gentle model for Lent than we might be used to. Set aside some time this week to re-read this passage. Try to place yourself in the shoes of the woman as she talks with Jesus. Trace the stages she goes through, from surprise to belief to excitement. Can you identify with these stages in your own faith journey?

Jane Mellett is the co-author of *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
 Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour.
 Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit,**
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION
The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
 Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.
 Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE
 Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:
 that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
 May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**
 Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-2.5-8
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 4: 5-15.19 - 26. 39 - 42
(Shorter Form Only)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans.

Jesus replied:
 'If you only know what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'
 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this

well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:
 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.
 God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

GREETING

In the name of the Father**Amen.**
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 17: 3 - 7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 94:1-2.6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

- Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
 Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**
- Come in; let us bow and bend low;